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NOTICE TO ULES OF THE HONGKONG

SAVINGS' BANK. 1 .-- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and is invited. Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their

premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days; 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500

in any one year. 3. - Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4. -Interest at the rate of 3h per cent. per

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ning of July. 6 - Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China, Withdrawals may be made on demand,

but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book

are necessary. For the HONGEONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager. Hongkong, Saptember 1, 1884.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 2nd January, 1888, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of \$5 per SHARE, Payable at the Hongkong & SHANG-HAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the rate of 10 per cent. per Annum on the paid up Capital of the Office for the year 1887, and notice is hereby given that

in order that the same may be adjusted the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 19th to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, December 15, 1887.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE,

MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS. A. S. WATSON & Co., LD. Hongkong, May 3, 1887.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Fourth MEETING of the ASSO-CIATION will be held at the Kow-LOON RANGES On SATURDAY, the 31st December, 1887, commencing at 10.30 a.m. There will be Six Competitions, at one of which the Silver Medal of the National Rifle Association will be competed for,-'Pool,' and 'Moving Target' during the

> ALF. WOOLLEY, How Secretary.

> > F. W. CROSS,

Hongkong, December 28, 1887. 2521 HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

Hongkong, December 16, 1887.

BANK HOLIDAY.

TN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY NEXT, the

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, R. L. SYMES, Act. Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,' J. ARRANGER,. Acting Agent. For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation,

Limited. E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong. Hongkong, December 28, 1887.

NOTIFICATION.

Custom House, Kowloon, 22nd Dec., 1887.

ON MONDAY NEXT, the 26th Instant being the day after CHRISTMAS DAY -and on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1885 - being the day after New Year's Day -THIS OFFICE and the OPIUM EXA-MINATION HULK will be CLOSED to the Transaction of all Business; but Work at the Customs Stations will proceed as

F. A. MORGAN, Commissioner of Customs.

BOOKS SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL PRIZES AND PRESENTS.

CONSIGNMENT of BOOKS, published by has been Received, and are now on view in the LONDON MISSION BOOK-ROOM, Bonham Road. They will be sold at a slight advance on Home Prices, and an inspection G H. BONDFIELD,

Sec. to Local Committee. Hongkony, December 27, 1887.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT

COMPANY, LIMITED. OFFICE, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

TAIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE. PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

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as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is GARMENTS. characteristic of the best English Fire

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of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using.' Hongkong, May 23, 1887.

THE HUNGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COM-PANY, LIMITED,

TOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COT-TON and COTTON YARN at the Kow-LOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be

Charged. ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887.

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35, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

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Business Notices.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

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HARD AND DRAB, AND in a variety of New Shapes.

> DRAB and GREY SINGLE and DOUBLE TERAI HATS.

STRAW HATS, MILITARY and FELT HELMETS, and TWEED HATS and CAPS in Stock and made to order.

Hangkang, October 8, 1887. STAG HOTEI

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. J. COOK, Proprietor

HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A NEW MINUTES WALK FRO THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES. ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS. CHARGES MODERATE TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

VENTILATED BILLIARD TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS. Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors of the very best quality only. Hongkong, April 1, 1887.

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Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes! walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c , has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Horses in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIAND and Swoking Rooms, The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkeng, September 16, 1885.

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WOOL SHAWLS AND HOODS. KNIITED GAITERS AND BOOTAKINS. WOOL HATS AND TAM O' SHANTERS. (T E L E P H O N E 21).

VIOTORIA EXCHANGE, December 28, 1887.

FUR-LINED KID GLOVES .. WOOL-LINED SILK GLOVES. Children's GLOVES AND INFANTEES. WOOL CUFFS AND MITTS. FUR-LINED CLOAKS. FUR CAPES AND MUPES. DRESSING GOWNS AND JACKETS,

FELT AND STRIPED PETTICOATS.

Intimations.

NOTICE, SMITH WINE MERCHANT. SHANGHAI.

NORTON & Co., MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, October 1, 1887. J. D. KILEY.

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No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG. Hengkong, November 1, 1887.

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Hongkong, January 12, 1885.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths. ATAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS. VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED

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PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 743 NOTICE. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED. CHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon A T the urgent request of his European their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of A and American patients and friends, the Company's FOREMEN should be at has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc- hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Prays: Central, will

receive prompt attention. In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of disnatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, August 25, 1885.

Intimations.

2, Beach Road, Singapore.

ESSRS SARKIES BROTHERS VI have the honour to inform their FRIENDS and PATRONS that they have OPENED the above HOTEL on the 1st of December.

The Situation is one of the best and healthiest in the town, facing the sea, and within a few minutes' walk of the Public Offices and the Square. Great care and attention for the comfort

of BOARDERS and VISITORS bave been taken in every detail, and those frequenting it will find every convenience and home com-From the great experience Messra. SAR-

KIES BROTHERS have gained in the MANAGEMENT of the EASTERN and the ORIENTAL HOTELS in Penang, and the success that has attended them, they are confident that the 'RAFFLES HOTEL' will meet a great want long felt in Singapore. The sole endeavour of the Proprietors will be to attend to the comfort of their VISITORS.

TERMS MODERATE. SARKIES BROTHERS, Proprietors. 21st December, 1887.

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY. NOTICE TO PASSENGERS. TDASSENGERS can at the present time of the year engage Berths through to Europe, via Bombay, without change of steamer or increase of fare.

E. L. WOODIN. Superintendent.

Auctions.

3rd December, 1887.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY

the 31st December, 1887, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-AN ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE,

comprising := SATSUMA, KANGA, IMARI, KIOTO, and TORTO VASES, JARS, HOWLS, INCENSE BURNESS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, EGG-MIRLL WARE, ENAMELIED WARE, SILVER INLAID Buonnes, Ivon' Intell Caurners, Karry MONOS, EMBEOIDERIES, and EMBROIDERED SCREENS.

TERMS OF SALE, -As sustomary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 28, 1887.

Notices to Consignees. STEAMSHIP SINDH.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. ONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. Tamise, from Antworp, ex S.S. Cora Maria, and from Bordeaux, ex S.S. Cambrai and Ville de Lille in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods-with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immedi-

ately after landing. OptionalCargo will be forwarded on, unlead intimation is received from the Consiguees before 10 a.m. To-DAY (Monday), the 26th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon-DAY, the 2nd January, 1888, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem. All Claims must be sent in to before the 4th January, 1888, or they will not be recognised, No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Hongkong, Docember 26, 1887. GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FROM LONDON, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenorchy, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. Denmark from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong AND KOWLOON WHARP AND GODOWN Co., Lo., at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-

11 a.m. To-DAY, the 26th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd January will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

less notice to the contrary be given before

Hongkong, December 26, 1887. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Arratoon Apear having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGRONG AND KOWLOON WHARP AND GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godowns. whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after 1st Proximo will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all Claims must be made immediately, none will be entertained after the 30th Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents

Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

For Sale.

RAFFLES HOTEL, FOR SALE. ULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Dubos Frères & de Gernon & Co.'s

BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES. Baxter's Celebrated Barley Bree's WHISKY,-\$7# per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, July 18, 1884.

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TO LET. TOOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS. GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, from the 1st January; at present in the occupation of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1887.

TO BE LET. Comfortable FOUR or SIX ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished in RICHMOND TERRACE, with use of TENNIS

Apply to JOHN WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary. Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2159 TO BE LET.

(With Immediate Possession.) TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Caine Road, West end Terrace opposite to Rose Villas.

Apply to

Apply to

No. 14, CAINE ROAD. Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130 TO LET.

With Immediate Possession. FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED. TIME UPPER FLOOR of the House 1 No. 19, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, suitable for RESIDENCE OF OFFICES. Rent Moderato.

19, Hollywood Road. Hougkong, December 23 1887.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,

Steamers. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LIMITED. FOR SWATOW AND AMOY. The Co.'s Steamship Hasphong,
Captain Harris, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st January, at Daylight. · For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

General Managers. Hougkong, December 28, 1887. SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

DANCASTER, Comm'der, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the lat January, 1888. For Freight or Passage, apply to

The Steamship

The Steamship

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, December 24, 1887. FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

Port Victor,

C. Bird, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 2nd Proximo. This Steamer has superior Passenger Accommodation. For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, December 24, 1887. SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship P. B. WILKINS, Com-mander, will be despatched for the above Ports on the 2nd

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 27, 1887. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

Bills of Leding will be countersigned by FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Co.'s Steamship Huitan. Captain Aseron, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.. General Managers. Hongkong, December 28, 1887. THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOROHAMA AND KOBE. The British Steamer. Benarty. Capt En La Bourntier, will be despatched as above on or about the 3rd Proximo. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, December 27, 1887. Shipping.

Steamers:

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYI

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.) The Co.'s Steamship General Werder, MANN, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 1st January,

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, December 27, 1887. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. The Co.'s Steamship Neckar.

Captain SUPMER, will leave for the above place about 24 hoursafter arrival with the outward German Mail. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 27, 1887. UHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Taking through Cargo for NEW ZEALAND

The Co.'s Steamship FAWCETT, Commander, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed

to the Superior Accommodation offered by

this Steamer, which is situated amidships

upon the upper Deck. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1887, OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (It ing Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-

CHWANG, TIENTSIN HANKOW Ports on the YANGISZE. The Co.'s Steamship Captain Barr, will be

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, December 27, 1887. STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-

TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

SAKI AND KOBE, (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Teneran will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, 5th January, ot

Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, December 22, 1887. GELLATLY'S LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAL KOBE AND

E. L. WOODIN,

The Steamship will be despatched for the above Ports on the 5th Proximo. For Freight or Passage, apply to

YOKOHAMA.

Hongkong, December 27, 1887. 2510 OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship Prometheus. Captain Webster, will be despatched as above on

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Agents. Hongkong, December 29, 1887. THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COM-

SATURDAY, the 7th Proximo.

PANY, LIMITED. FOR LONDON VIA SCEZ CANAL The Co.'s Steamship J. C. JAQUES, Comm der, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th Proximo.

For Freight, &c., apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, December 28, 1887.

Sailing Vessels. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 100 A 1 British Barque Bandaneira. ARRENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, October 21, 1887. FOR HAVRE AND LONDON. The Aa 1, British Barque

The Aa I, British Barque

Blackadder,

C. E. Hore, Master, will load
here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 22, 1887.

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDIST, ANCONA, VENICE, TRIESTE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON:

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1. B. - Cargo can be taken on through Bills Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BUSTON. SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship Cargo and Specie will be registered for RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

MIRZAPORE, Captain R. Harvey, with London as well-as for Marseilles, and ac. from this for LONDON, ma BOMBAY principal places of Europe. and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the

3rd January, at 4 p.m. Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing. until Noomon the day of sailing. Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe the Agency's Office.) will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving

one week later than by the ordinary direct route viá Colombo. For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIOA-TION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong. The Contents and Value of Packages are

required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading. Passengers' desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Occidental & Oriental Steam. Ship Company.

Hongkong, December 22, 1887.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

FITHE Steamship BELGIC will despatched for San Francisco, via sohama, on TUESDAY, the 10th January, 1888, at 3 p.m. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Odice, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing, First-class Fares granted as follows :-

To San Francisco and veturn, \ 350.00 available for 6 months ... I To Liverpool 333.00 To London 338.00 To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be

obtained on application. Passengers, who have paid full fare, reembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice rersa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 %. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco. in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central. C. D. HARMAN.

Hongkong, December 20, 1887. CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship ABYSSINIA, 3.651 Tons Register, LEE, Commander, will be despatched for VAN-COUVER, B.C., via KOBE and YOKO-HAMA, on FRIDAY, the 27th January,

1888, at 3 p.m. To be followed by S.S. BATAVI. on the 28th February, and S.S. PARTHI. on the 24th March. Connection will be made at Yokohama

with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco by the regular Steamers of the until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-

Atlantic lines of Steamers. First-class Fares granted as follows :-To Vancouver Mox\$160.00 To Victoria and San Francisco 175.00 To all common points in Uan-200:00 ada and the United States To Liverpool 300.00 305.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo

destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.
Preight will be received on board until

4 p.m. on the 26th January, 1888. All Parcels must be sent to our Office and, should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. For information as to Passage or Freight,

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agente. Hongkong, December 24, 1887.

Mails.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP. N TUESDAY, the 10th January

Steamship AVA, Commandant VIMONT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

Hor Majesty's Maile, will be despatched cepted in transit through Marseilles for the Shipping Orders will be granted until

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specio and Parcels until 3 p.m. on Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office the 9th January, 1888. (Parcels are not to THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY be sent on board; they must be left at

> Contents and value of Packages are re-For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Hongkong, December 28, 1887.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING

AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO. THE U. S. Mail Stoamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched

for San Francisco via Yokohama, op SATURDAY, the 21st Proximo, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all

trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. First-class Fares granted as follows :-To San Francisco \$200.00 To San Francisco and return, 350.00 available for 6 months ... To Liverpoor ... 333.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application. Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-

embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or pice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 %. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Eurove.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queon's Road Contral. C. D. HARMAN,

Hongkoug, December 29, 1887. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN SUEZ. PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENGA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS. GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B .- Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in U

RUSSIA. ON MONDAY, the 23rd day of January, C 1888, at 4 p.m., the Company's Steamship NECKAR, Uaptain SUPMER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, S and CARGO, will leave this port as above,

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board p.m. on the 22nd January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENCY'S Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation

and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

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Intimations.

-OF THE-

NOW READY.

WASHING BOOKS. - (In English and Chinese.) TYASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. - Price, \$1 each. CHIMA MAIL Office,

* Equalization of Dividend Fund.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Maiesty King George The First, .

(11HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows :--Marine Department. Policios at current rates, payable eithe. here, in London, or at the principal Ports

of India, China and Australia, Fire Department. Policies issued for long or alrest periods at surrout ration,

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM. PANY. THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above

Company, are prepared to ACCEPT

Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

NOTICE. (LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000. THE above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, -Secretary, HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, December 2, 1887. NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

[]]HE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates. CHLMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. Te-day's Advertisements.

SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL (Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER. DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL

and BREMEN.) The Steamship Capt. G. PETERSEN, WILL above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th January,

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN, N. Co.; Hongkong, December 30, 1887.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION . COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SHANGHAL

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates | Fero, for Singapore. for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.) The Co.'s Steamship

Captain LEASE, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hengkong, December 30, 1887. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. The Co.'s Steamship Agamemmon. Capt. WILDING, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 7th Proximo.

"For Freight or Passage, upply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. . Tal Bothla. Hongkong, December 30, 1887.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. The Steamship

Captain Jacobs, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th January next. This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, December 30, 1887. FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.1.1. Amgr. Barque EATON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, Docember 30, 1887.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor - Owners will be Itesponsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-ALLIE Rows, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips. - Wieler & Co.

MARY L. CUSHING, American ship, Capt. P. P. Brown .- Pustau & Co. VELOCITY, British barque, Capt. R. Martin. - Pustau & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. December 30, 1887 :-Yiksang, British steamer, from Whampox. Activ. Danish steamer, 355, N. C. Revs-

To-day's Advertisements. beck, Pakhoi December 27, and Hoihow 29, General.—Anniold, Karberg & Co. Decima; Gorman steamer, 965, P. Oestmann, Bangkok December 20, Rice .-SIEMSSEN & Co.

> DEPARTURES Fokien, for Swatow. Ampy, for Shenghai. Taiwan, for Saigon. Bormida, for Singapore and Bombay. . Guy Mannering, for New York."

OLEARED. Emilie, for Bangkok. Triumph, for Touron: Anton, for Hollow and Pakhol. Sebastian Buch, for Wham; oa. Way Ting, for Tameui. Kwang Lee, for Shanghai.

> PASSENGERS. Per Activ, from Pakhoi, 37 Chinese. Per Decima, from Bangkok, 12 Chinese.

Per Fokien, for Swatow, 100 Chinese. Per Amon, for Shanghai, 7 Chinese. Per Bormida, for Massonah, Mr Angelo Egadi , for Port Said, Mr P. Cargonetti. Per Taiwan, for Saigon, 314 Chinese. TO DEPART.

Per Triumph, for Touron, 40 Chiucso. Per Anton, for Hollow, 50 Chinese. Per Way Ting, for Tamsni, 12 Chinese. Per Kwaua Lee, for Shanghai, 40 Chineses

SHIPPING REPORTS The German steamer Decima reports Had strong N.E. monsoon, the last two days

FOST OFFICE NOTICES MAILS will close:-For AMOY .-Per Fidelio, at 3.30 n.m., on Saturday,

the 31st inst. For AMOY AND MANILIA .-Per Don Luque at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst. For SANDAKAN .--

Per Brifish barque Walter Siegfeied, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst. For SHANGHAL -Per Kwang Lee, at 5 r.m., on Saturday,

the 31st inst. For HAIPHONG.-Per Frejr, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 3rd January, 1888. For SAIGON .-

Per China, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 4th January, 1888; For SINGAPORE. -Per Lydia, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 8th January, 1888.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. -The French Contract Packet Ava be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th January, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, vid Murseilles; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing and the large amount of protection the Mails, &c.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

I ate of Leaving. Agents. Captain. Vesse's. Destina with Bremen, and Ports of all Neckar (s)...... Supmer Norddeutscher Lloyd January 23, at 4 p.m. Blackadder Quick despatch. London and Hamburg Flintshire (s) Dancaster Adamson, Bell & Co.......... About January I. Prometheus (s) Webster Butterfield & Swire London, and Ports of Call. London, via Suez Canal...... January 10, at 3 p.m. January 21, at 3 p.m. San Francisco, via Yokohama... City of Peking (8)..... Hector (s) Batt Butterfield & Swire January 3. Yokohana and Kobé...... Benarty (s)...... Ed. Le Boutillier.... Cikb, Livingston & Co.....

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	Nos. of Shares	Value.	Paid-	Position Per Leserve.	LAST REPORT. Balancec.fucure	Last Dividerus	Closin , Ignotation Cash.
BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai, Bank Corp.	60, 000	5 12:	ull	y *	9 9 9	Park and a second of	
INSURANCES. North-China Insurance Co., Li	5,000	£ , 2	£ 50	Tls. 100,000 £ 50,000	Tis. 3.059.76	7'% for 1886	T.s. 2621, buyers The 110, buyers
Yangtate Insurance Company, Ld Union Insurance Society Co., Ld China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld	10,000 $24,000$	5 83.3c	1	\$ 675,00 \$ 600,00 \$ 188,000	314,012.96 3 245,240 04 3 494.400.00	26 %. 1886	8874 per share *65½, buyers \$80
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Singapore Insurance Company, Ld. The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ld. The Straits Insurance Co., Ld	20,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$ 7,713.40 \$ 75,832.52		\$18 \$31, sellers
HK. C. and M. Steambost Co., L.J.	40,000	3 2	all {	\$ #40,000 \$ +190,000 \$ 127,326		7 % half your June 30/87 8 %	\$210, sellers \$47, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited Indo-Caina S. N. Company, Limited 60,000 shares issued China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld	31,21	1 2	E 10		£ 4,387.5.9	7 % for 1885 None	12½ % dis., sellers par, nominal
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China Sagar Company, Limited	. 15,00					6 % for $\frac{1}{2}$ year to June 30/8 12 % for 1886	\$152 n sales and buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited. Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. Luzou Sugar Company, Limited Perak Sugar Cultivation Co Perak Tin Mining & S'ting Co	7,00	6 5 10 6 T1. 5	5 all all all o all all all	\$ 6,00	614.58	None	\$110 ex div., nominal \$40 Tla. 18 ii \$10 buyera
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H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., L. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited HK. High-Level Tramways Co., L.	3,00 3,80	0 8 10	0 all 0 all 0 5 5	0		13 [°] /, for 188	6 65 % prem.
Chinge Imperial 1884 B		9 8 50	x all 0 all 0 T1.25		June 16& Dec. 15		7 % prem., buyers 9 prem., buyers 10 % prem., buyers

+ Depreciation and Insurance Fund.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

4 p.m. - Yiksang leaves for Shanghai. Meeting. 10.30 a.m. - Meeting of Hongkong Rifle - Association at Kowloon Ranges.

Auctions. 2 p.m.-Auction of Japanese Ware, &c. at Mr J. M. Armstrong's.

General Memoranda. SUNDAY, (New Year's Day), 1888 :-

after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, January 2 :--Local Banks close. Goods per Steamer Sindh unclaime after Noon subject to rent. Issue Interest Warrants of \$5 per Share of Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., payable at H.K. & Shai Bank. Goods per Glenorchy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Arratoon Apear undelivered

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED

Christmas Confectioner JUST RECEIVED ORYSTALLIZED FRUITS, CHOCOLATE GREAMS,

BURNT ALMONDS, and SUNDRY SWEETS. ROSE WATER & OTHER CRACKERS in great variety.

NEW SEASON'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS including some CHROMOS OF SWIBS AND HOME SCENERY,

Suitable for Framing. NEW ILLUSTRATED PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LD. HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2419

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.10 p.m.

The China Litail. BONGRONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1887. "File fact that the Government has under consideration a scheme, whereby Continental and Home Fire Jusurance offices will, if it be carried out, become liable to pay a larger share of the cost of fire extinction than they do at present, shows that the authorities here have not altogether overlooked the importance of maintaining an efficient Titania, 20; Natal, Ningchow, 23; Fire Brigade. As we have shown in a Benlawers, 27. former article, the Governmental system, as at present carried out, does not lend itself to the utmost efficiency of the Brigade in the matter of appointments. That regretful fact will, we presume, have to be set down against the high honour said to be enjoyed, on Saturday, the 31st Dec., at 11 am. which, in return for a good round sum and may be expected here on or about annually paid, is promised (if not given) Saturday, the 7th Jan. This packet to this Colony by the Imperial Government. Apart from the question of management, and independent of the for Hongkong on the 15th Dec., at

consideration of a possible equalisation of the Fire Brigade rate, several suggestions for placing the safety of property upon a better basis may be worthy of consideration. Even Chinese themselves will frequently admit that the acceptance of risks against fire upon Chinese houses is a questionable good. They say that fires are now more prevalent than they were wont to be in the days when no insurance could be effected; and although now-a-days a fire has far less chance of committing the extensive ravages it previously had, the number of outbreaks and alarms is very much in excess of former days, even if the increase in the number of tenements be The D. D. R. steamship Beilong, from duly taken into account. This alarming increase has hitherto been set down in great part to the unbusiness-like eagerness displayed by certain agents of Home and Continental offices, to secure risks at all hazards, even upon the contents of native bongs, unaccompanied by the semblance of an inspection as to the nature or value of the contents insured. So long as the first consideration of such agents and companies is to obtain business at any cost, this ricklessness will

probably continue, in face of the bluer lessons taught them during the last two or three months. From this point of view, however, householders generally have just cause to tappain that such disregard of the common rules of business constitutes a serious danger to surrounding property; and when we hear of zealous agents of such Mysses Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform companies actually interfering with the Fire Brigades, with the object of turning the hose on to save the premises insured so engerly and so recklessly. the complaint becomes intensified to an Mr. Sercombe-Smith; in the Police Court extent bordering on the ludicrous. There is a certain amount of sublimity about the impudence of a spectacled Teuton endeavouring to turn the hose cents from the person of another man. of some one else upon a building which be has begged and prayed to insure, and for the preservation of which he pays before Mr Wodebouse, in the Police Court almost nothing. A practice is said to to-day, with stealing five dollars from the be generally adopted at Home, by person of a patient in the Tung Wah Hoswhich each building insured is marked pital. Prisoner was convicted on evidence with a plate bearing the insignia of the office holding the risk; and it has been suggested that a similar expedient

should be resorted to here. A building THE M. M. Co.'s steamer Yangish, with the marked with the sign of either of the French Mail of December 2, is to leave local Offices would thus become the peculiar care of the Valunteer Fire Brigade, which owes its existence to and is maintained by these offices. This may ba looked upon as a narrowing of the scope of a Fire Brigade which is con- from Hongkong on October 25th. trary to the fine spirit bitherto shown by the Volunteer Fire Brigade of this Culony. But self-preservation is the first law, especially in fire business, in thee days; and until the Home and Continental offices show a little more of ner for \$73,830.-The liquidators of the the finer and nobler sentiments, by way bankruptcy of Messrs Peels Hubbell & Co. of reciprocity, it must be admitted that are about to announce another dividendeof justified in adopting such measures for

I At debit.

Chinese houses, it might be considered advisable to give to owners of such property a larger share of the risk than at present—say one-half;—and thereby render a fire less of a successful speculation and more of a sacrifice than it sectors to be under existing circumstances. Many of these suggestions are more applicable to the insurers than to the Government. They are matters for the consideration of those immediately interested in the conduct of insurance business in the Colony. Little hope, need be entertained of action being taken by the bulk of the Home Companies, and the adoption of measures whereby some check may be given to the carelessness of native householders regarding fire can only be looked for from the local Offices. The Government do not seem inclined to move in the matter of investigating the cause of each fire, although such a measure would certainly tend to create a carefulness now, sogreatly lacking amongst policy-holders. There is therefore all the greater reason why the local insurers should try other means to lessen the risks run, to minimise the advantages possible as the result of a fire, and to socure the greatest amount of protection by an exclusive use of their own Brigade in all cases when it is really required.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

(Via Southern Line.) THE BRITISH MISSION TO

ABYSSINIA. London, 27th Dec , 1887. The Mission has been coolly received by-

King John, who declines to sue for peace. THE LAND LEAGUE IN WALES. The Welsh land league has issued a manifesto on the model of that of the Irish.

ABYSSINIA. London, 28th December.

It is reported that King John is rapidly advancing in strong force against the Ita-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUBE CANAL. PIWARD BOUND:-Teresa, October 18; Teviot, August; November 9; Titan, Ursula, 11; Lord of the Isles, 29; Agamemnon, Dec. 2; Cassandra, 6; Carmarthenshire, Uppingham, 13; Bellerophon, Gleneam, 16; Daphne, 20; Palamed, 23; Benalder, Saghalien, 27. OMEWARD BOUND :- Mosser, Nov. 15 Sarpedon, 25; Yorkshire, Wellingdorf. Dec. 6; Stentor, 9; Niebe, Glenlyon,

Norddeutscher Lloyd S. S. Co.'s stenmship Neckar, with the next outward GERMAN MAIL, dated Berlin, Nov. 29th, left Singapore on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on ur about Saturday, the Sist inst. he steamship Yangtee with the Transport MAIL of Dec. 2, is to leave Singapore

brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 25. The P. & O. stemmer Zambesi left Bombay

The Shire Line steamship Merionethshire left Singapore on the 25th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 31st Doc. The Ben Line steamer Benarty, from Lon-

don, left Singapore on the 26th Dec. and may be expected here on or about the 1st Jan. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Hestor, from Livergool, left Singapore on the 25th Dec., and may be expected here on

or about the ist Jan. Glen Line steamship Glencoe, from London, left Singapore on the 27th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Jan. Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 27th Dec., and may be expected

here on or about the 3rd Jan.

The Gellatley Line steamship Mogul left Singapore on the 27th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 3rd Union Line steamer Principia, from London, left Singapore on the 27th Doc., and may be expected here on or

about the 3rd Jan. Canadian Papillo steamship Abussinia from Vancouver, left Kobe for this port on the 28th Dec., at daylight, and may be expected here on the 3rd Jan. The Glen Line steamer Glenaron, from London, left Singapore on the 29th

December, and may be expected here on or about the 4th Jan, THE Chinese flest is expected here in five

or six days to dock. us that the Glen Line steamer Glenaron, from Lundon, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 29th instant.

to-day, sentenced a man named Wong Alai to a month's hard labour for stealing 50

A coolie named Chung Apong was charged. and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Singapore on Saturday, the 31st December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here or about Saturday, the 7th January. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched

THE fine building, formerly occupied as offices by Messrs Peele Hubbell & Co., at Manila, was sold by auction to Mr R. Turthe local Companies would be quite 21 per cept. in addition to the two dividtheir own protection. In the event of ends already distributed on 5 per cent, its being impossible to decline risks on each.

THE Macao Independente says that a subscription ball will be given on the 7th January proximo, in the Paços do Conselho, Macao, in honour of Senhor Thonisz ·de Sonza Roza. - The same paper says that the corvette Bartholomen Dias has been ordered home, and will leave about the middle of January next,

Two gun lascars named Lannah Singh and through. Supper, which was provided by Busicet Ramy stationed at Stonecutter's the Victoria Hotel, was laid out in St. Island, were rought before Mr Wede- Andrew's Hall. Mr Blanchard, who is, we house in the Police Court to day, the first | think, Chief Beetle, presided at one table, prisoner charged with committing an unnatural offence and the second with aiding which was loyally honoured. Mr W. and abetting in the crime. The case was Scott, who presided at the other table, in wemanded till to morrow.

about a year or so ago a few ! jolly good

fellows' conceived the idea of starting a

social Club where innocent pleasures might

be indulged in without emptying the

pockets of those deemed worthy of becom-

one of the original promoters of the

date of his fatal illness. Launches innu-

merable had been placed at the disposal of

members during the past year for picnics

and excursions by water : and at last Races

enthusiastically drunk, Mr Mills acted

efficiently as M. C., and the arrangements

some time past, and particularly since the

inadequacy of the remuneration offered to

the European firemen of the Government

Fire Brigade, has now culminated in some-

thing like a general strike. No fewer than

duties at the end of the present month. As

there is nothing in the regulations under which

quitting the Brigade on this short notice,

there is thus created the somewhat ugly

prospect of having to encounter the Chinese

New Year-which is generally a pretty

lively period for fires-with the Govern-

almost useless. An effort will in all pro-

Europeans on the same terms will be to

any extent diminished. All the European

firemen in the Brigade at present are

protty certain that none of their brethren.

will be inclined to take their places. It

may be taken with uqual safety as a fore-

gone conclusion that outside the Police

Force there are not many suitable men who

would consent to accept the liability of

being roused from their beds three or four

times a week to do battle with the 'de-

vouring element' for the sum of four-and-

a-half dollars per month. This ridiculously

small rate of pay was fixed at a period when

fires were very much less numerous than

they are at the present time, and although

it may have been regarded as sufficient

thou, it can hardly be said to follow that it

should be so regarded now. In fact, it

seems that the only conceivable way out

of the difficulty which these fifteen resigna-

tions have created is to increase the remu-

neration of all the European firemen-at

different basis.

have to go to Egypt.

least until the Brigade is reorganised on a

members of the Police Force, and it

the Club and a commodious booth.

Secretary, and a Committee.

A MAN named Chung Atsoi was brought up in the Police Court to-day charged with the unlawful possession of 36 spoons, 39 forks, 40 knives, 3 ludles, one nut-cracker and 5 napkin-rings, and also with burglariously entering the premises of Mesers Sicinsson and Co. this morning and stealing therefrom property of the value of \$50. The case was remanded.

WE have received from the Borneo Co., moment the Club had close upon one Company, three large and three small derate income of the Club was devoted diaries together with's booklet and leaflets, solely to conviviality, but members were not giving details with regard to the Company's | deaf to the call of charity, as was exempliextensive business. We have also to ac.' knowledge receipt of four very pretty calendars of different designs, sent us by Club and its very life and soul up to the Mr W. Cruickshank, Victoria Dispensary.

TSANG Acheung, carpenter, and Chan Achoi, hawker, were brought before Mr Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day, on remand; the first prisoner charged with bringing a man into the colony for the purrose of emigration, and the second with detaining the complainant here and assaulting him on the 24th instant. His Worship, after hearing further ovidence, committed both prisoners for trial at the Supreme

WE are glad to note the return from the United States of the Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., the Senier Missionary of the American Presbyterion Board in Canton. may be remembered that the Rev. Doctor, when at Home for his ferlough, was engaged in a great work having for its object the raising of a fund for the establishment of a College for the Chinese. The Doctor in to be congratulated upon the success which has attended his efforts in this direction, and we understand that the establishmontain the College has been decided upon. Alta bugil it is not postage, as yet, definitely decided where the institution will be located, at is probable that Carate, will be the best

BEFORE Mr Sercombe-Smith in the Police

Court to day a chair-coolie named Cheung

Achuk was charged at the instance of Mr John Mitchell, Superintendent Engineer China Navigation Co., with demanding more than his legal fare and assaulting the complainant. Mr Mitchell stated that he hired the defendant yesterday evening at the corner of D'Augilar Street to carry him to his house in Pokfolum Road and paid him with fifteen cents, being five cents more than his legal fare. The time taken to carry complainant this distance was twenty minutes. Defendant demanded twenty cents and became abusive. E seized complainant by the coat to preven him from going indoors. Complainant then got into the chair again and requested to be taken to the Police Station but do fendant refused. Complainant then called for his house-coolie and sent him to the Central Station for a policeman. A lukong came along and complainant gave the coolie in charge. Mr Mitchell and the lukong

went to the station with the defendant .The coolie refused to carry Mr Mitchel to the station at first but afterwards did so on being ordered by the lukong. The de: fendant, who denied having demanded twenty cents, was fined three dollars with the alternative of three weeks' imprison-The case affords another illustration of the fact that to pay a coolie gene rously is the surest way of making him ask

payed with wood as an experiment.

for more.

SLAUGHTER OF ALLICATORS AT JOHORE. - Parnell, if he does not go to Egypt, will the subject doubt whether anything, how-H. H. the Sultan, many alligators are being | Mr T. P. O'Connor, Mr-Parnell's nominee, | mandarins now in the United States and killed in Johore waters. Last week four has also been notified on the part of Mr American financiers. The affair has dawere taken in the vicinity of the town. O'Donnell that his evidence will be required maged every one connected with it, and The largest measured 13 feet 5 inches; it at the trial, and that he must produce all made men with money shy of dealing with was a female, very old, and had lost all the minute-books and ledgers of the Home Li Hung Chang and his emissaries. its teeth. Some Malaya came upon it sun- Rule Confederation and the National ning itself on the bank of the river Scudai. League since 1883, which came into his THE NEW ROUTE TO CHINA. The new On being opened, its stomach, which was the notorious Frank Byrne was in their em- Lowell Railroad to Newport. Yt., and by much distended, revealed the presence of a ployment as paid secretary of the League. Canadian Pacific Railroad, from Newport, broken bowl, and a lot of small bones. A attitude in these matters has produced the shipment makes a train of twenty-six cars, atomach was taken a few very small stones as regards the elleged connection with the from Boston. By this route cotton goods and a Chinese coin to which was attached a Invincibles, the Parnellite ring looks for can be shipped from New England, even white bead-such as children wear round ward with dismay to the prospect of a cross- without the expense of the dressing which the wrist or neck. Another animal mea- examination upon the finincial secrets of the English manufacturers apply to the sured five feet, and the last was a baby, the organisation. Only a little patience, packages shipped through the Suez Canal, only 9 inches long. The latter is alive and | and the world would be edified by an ex- Instead of that we can ship the cloth in or. formerly one was kept which lived for 18 have in my possession a document, written being a short one, and wholly in a northern months without eating anything; it invaria; more than three months ago, stating that, latitude, the condition of the goods on arbroad. &c Under the throat of the alliga- Parnell would mest probably cross the sea fectory. The time required for the shiptor are two glands, called by the Malays about November. It is a strange thing that ping of the goods from the New England mata malam, whereby they say the animal | just on the eve, so to speak, of the order i, mill to Shanghai is about thirty days ; the sees at night. The orince of the gland we hear the voluntary statement, followed time from England via the Suez Canal to somewhat recembles a closed eye. - Straits by a most lengthy paragra h, that he may the same port is about fifty-three days, -Limes.

MESSUS Butterfield & Swire inform us that BRE 'Konsolidated Beetles,' who sprang THE Bangkok Times hours than an English intogexistence in this Colony about a year ago artillery officer-is on his way not from home to join the Siameso army. and have been consolidating and becoming stronger ever since, held a ball last night to

THE San Francisco correspondent of the celebrate the anniversary of their birth. Japan Mail says .- Mr Joseph Chamberlam, British member of the Fisheries Com-The members of the Club invited a few of mission, has arrived at Washington, and so about 150 ladies and gentlemen assembled A. McDonald represents Canada in that body. Debate will probably begin forth- Remedius, and A. S. Garfit, in St. George's Hall for a dance. The with, and the expectation is that a new arrangements were excellent, and a very treaty will be concluded. There is a prehappy evening was spent by a l. Music vailing notion that Mr Canning might have working of the Company for the last was supplied by the Band of the Regiment which he described the inhabitants of Holand a capital dance-programme was gone land;

The fault of the Dutch
Is giving too little and asking too much. But as the Canadians got five millionsand a half the last time there was a bicker over the fisheries, though their own leaders thought \$100,000 would have been about and proposed 'the health of Her Majesty,' right, they cannot be blamed for keeping on asking. Mr Edward Atkinson has proposed to settle the whole question by selling the maritime provinces to this country proposing 'Success to the Club,' said that for fifty millions. The trouble is that we don't want them at that or at any other price. Halifax is a fine seaport, and grows the handsomest girls in the world.

back country, and all of New Brunswick

would be dear at any figure. THE Bangkok Times says ;- Another very ing their associates. A set of rules was important seizure of gunpowder took placeon drawn out and legal advice obtained, so asthe 5th inst at Bangkok on board the Br. to have everything on a perfectly legal steamer Borneo. It was found packed away in baskets of potatoes and onions footing. The name of any one wishing to shipped from Singapore, and on these so-call- We hope much from the appointment of join was put to the ballot, and at the present ed 'provisions' being taken to the Custom Mr Humphreys, than whom there is no House and emptied out, something like more practical man in Hongkong, and 4,000 tins of English gunpowder were ex- I feel sure that his practical knowledge and posed to view. The consignee was on board business acquaintatice will help us through at the time, taking delivery, so it was easy, enough to run him in, but the real man who ought to be prosecuted is the shipper in Singapore, and we hope Government, hed in the case of poor Frank Perrot, through its Consul at that port, will take some steps in the matter. We have not as yet been able to find out this man's name or we would publish it, for there'is nothing more diabelical to our mind than this wilful dieregard for human lives and valuable property on the high sees.

THERE was a great ceremony the other week at the cremation of Phranai Samochai, on the Klong Kut Mai at Wat health of the ladies was also proposed and Takion, next to the late nobleman's residence. He and his family were great favorites at the Siam Court and one of his sisters resides there. This lady, accompaniwere carried through by Mr John Dickon, ed by her mother and other members of the family, was present at the funeral rites, as also several royal Princes, and many of Siam's nobility. His Majesty lit a sacred THE dissatisfaction which has been felt for | candle and sent it with a large escort to the cremation ground on Monday last, where it was the first used to ignite the funeral pile. present 'Fire Season' began, regarding the H.R.H. Prince Ong Noi, speaking in English before the many Europeans and others assembled to render homoge to this dead, said that the decessed nobleman was a very popular and dear friend to Siam. and much beloved by all. Two sons of the deceased, who have both just returned tifteen of the seventeen firemen have just from England, were present, and seemed sent in their resignation, requesting to be much affected. His Excellency was, we hear, about 40 years old, - Bangkok Times relieved of their onerous fire-extinguishing

THE Bangkok Times Bay :- The cruel idea of carving about nine poor little Siamese the men are engaged to prevent them from | babies of two to three months old—on the | carried. top of poles, Lotus flowers, and on the backs of peacocks, etc., during the late and the meeting ended. Chinese festivals, was, we hear, peremptorily put a stop to by the King himself, as soon as His Majesty heard of it. The core- counts :mony lasted from 9 a.m. till about 7 in the | evening and during all this time none of character of the first report which they have ment Brigade so wofully weakened as to be the bables were allowed to be taken down to present to the Sharelegiders. or nursed, because this, it was said was The Dairy Farm has proved no exception against Chinese custom and would offend to the rule that in Hongkong all new enterbubility be made to retain the services of their idel, the Dragon. The scandalous prises have to pass through a period of trial the fifteen firemen for another month, but sight of the poor little things hanging some and uphill work. 50 feet high was only witnessed, however, The Dairy Farm has received very unfair sable in a direct, straightforward manner ! from surrendering any portion of their soeven if that is successful it is not likely that. on Friday, the first day, for, as we said be- treatment from those who were in the first nine little mites were sheltered more or tion. less by umbrellas, they must have suffered glare. We have heard it rumoured that extra help and additional expense. one of them was already dead when taken down, but the Chinese deny this, though it have been compelled to write off he sum is a fact that the children were supplied by of \$13,186.91, which must be considered as their mothers at twelve ticals a piece. It lost.

COUNT MITRIEWICZ AND THE CHINESE CON- making of butter have been entirely suc-CESSIONS. - The Lindon correspondent of cessful and it is eagerly inquired for. the Manchester Guardion says :- I am told that the relations between Count Mitkie- | fitable nature of the business, if well and wicz, of Chinese concession fame, and the economically managed and under ordinary Chinese Embussy at Washington are so circumstances, has been confirmed by the strained that he is no longer received there, working of the last few months, which The Chinese Minister to the United States | shows a satisfactory profit. has carefully held aloof from the husiness from the beginning, as he knew too much from the board, and Mr J. D. Humphreys the topography of the place, including petual check. If unequal, which would to be dazzled by the Count's millions on has been invited to supply his place. paper. The mandarins whom the Count accordance with the provisions of the Arbrought over from China, and with whom | ticles of Association, the Honourable C. P. he hored to work wenders in the United Chater and Mr J. B. Coughtrie retire, and States, are excessively uncomfortable, and | are eligible for re-election. would gladly return home as quickly as No auditor having been appointed by the they could but that they want to take some. Shareholders, the accounts have been anthing, however trilling, home with them as dited by Mr S. J. Gower, who is present their welfare and regulate their duties; n salve to their own dignity and to that of for the purpose of reporting to the Sharetheir master, Li Hung Chang. I have seen holders generally in reference to all matters | discipline and obedience to officers. a copy of the original concessions, and it is of account. ME PARNELL AND ME O'DONNELL'S ACTION very curious that Mr Vanderbilt's name is AGAINST THE 'TIMES.'-The London cor. the only one that appears in it. Now the No. 23, it will be necessary for the share-'Mr Parnell is going. The e is a suspicion was that of Mr Jay Gould, and when he de- ing year, and to fix his remuneration. that he has gone. There is every reason clared this use of his name to be unauthoto believe that there was, and is, a serious rised Mr Wharton Baker's was substituted. One of the streets of Manila will shortly be split between Mr Parnell and several of his However this may be, the concessions are old colleagues. The fact is, Mr Parnell has utterly dead. The Chinese have tearnt a practically given up the struggle, Mr bitter lesson, and those best informed on Owing principally to the rewards offered by soon have to appear in the witness-box ever trifling, will be settled between the Cash in hand,

As it did not seem to be in a hurry to es- possession about 1883. He will have to route to China via the Canadian Pacific is cape, they had an opportunity of belabour: produce in particular all the books relating developing quite a traffic in manufactured ring iton the head; this treatment stunned to the period of Mr Parnell's Kilmainham cottons from New England points. Last it apparently, as it was easily bound by im risonment, during which Mr O'Donnell week a shipment of 3,044 bales of cotton ropes and rattans and brought into town. | was a member of the League executive and cloth to China was made via Boston and pig weighing about 100 catties, 2 black mon- All these documents and more must be Vt., to Vancouver, B. C., and thence by keys, 3 fowls, 10 small stones, piece of a forthcoming, and Mr O'Donuell's resolute steamer to Yokohama and Hongkong. The smaller alligator was taken alive; it mea. most furious ill-will among the leading which runs through to the ship's side at To Maintenance sured seven feet nine inches. Out of its Parnellites. Whatever may be the result Vancouver, a little more than 3,200 miles is kept in a tank at Iskander Hall, where posure and a collapse without precedent. I dinary bales or boxes, because, the voyage bly refused to eat, althou hoffered fish, fowl, in order to avoid the witness-box, Mr rival will be the same as when they left the

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary yearly meeting of this Company was held at noon to-day. Dr Parrick Manson presided, and there were also present Messrs Granville Sharp, J. B. Coughtrie, J. P. N. da Silva, J. D. Humtheir friends to join them, and a party of has Sir Charles Tupper, who with Sir John phreys, D. Musso, S. J. Gower, G. L. Tomlin, M. A. de Carvalho, J. A. dos The Chairman said The business be-

> fore the meeting is the report of the applied to Canada the witty phrase in eighteen months. It has been in your hands for some time and sufficiently explains our position. .. Although we thought it proper to recommend the writing off of large sum, yet you must consider that this sum is not altogether lost, body second that? for against it we can place a large growing business for the last few months, which I think may be taken

as a fair guide for the future-a profitable I propose the adoption of the report Mr Garfit seconded and the motion was

The Chairman-The next business is the election of two directors in place of the Hon. C. of', Chater and Mr J. B. Coughtrie, who according to our rules retire by rota- the Company being wound up, for which million for that would not be high, but the

> Mr Granville Sharp-I have to propose the re-election of the retiring directors. Ido not think we can have better men than the Hon. Mr Chater and Mr Coughtrie. Mr Coughtrie has been indefatigable in the work of the Company. We have not been able to do nearly all that we desired. We have not accomplished all that we hoped business acquaintaice will help us through if anything will. I beg therefore to propose the re-election of the Hon: C. P. Chater and Mr J. B. Coughtrie and the confirmation of the appointment of Mr J. D. Hum-

Mr Remedies seconded and the motion The Chairman-The next business is the election of auditor, which lies in the hands

of the shareholders. In this connection may mention that Mr Gower has acted without any remuneration in auditing the accounts of last year. Wo owe him a debt of gratitude for this, for the accounts were very complicated, and I have no doubt he spent a great deal of time in clearing up the intricacies.

Mr Conghtrie-I propose the election of Mr Gower for the ensuing year. According to the rules of the Association, it will

be necessary to fix the remuneration. Mr Granville Sharp-Mr Gowarhas kindly accepted the nominal sum of \$50 for his service. We are sorry we cannot offer him more just now, as the only course we have to adopt for the next year is one of strict aconomy. I propose that the remuneration Mr de Carvalho seconded and the motion

was agreed to. The Chairman-The auditor is here, and

he is willing to give information to any of the shareholders.

hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman. has given an amount of attention to the business of the Company, which has cost him much anxiety and a great deal of time.

The Chairman thanked the shareholders,

The following are the resert and ac-

the difficulty of obtaining other fifteen fore, His Majesty very just'y put a stop to instance entrusted with the purchase of such cruel proceedings, and all honor to the cattle. These turned out very badly and King for having done so. The sun was resulted in a heavy loss. The later purvery hot on the first day, and although the chases have, however, given full satisfac-

> greatly from the intensity of the heat and ness during the summer which has involved Under these circumstances the Directors

is evident therefore that Chinaman prefer | As far as the quality of the Dairy Farm to pay a large sum for the hire of a Siamese | milk is concerned, the public have manibaby, rather than pay nothing at all and fested their entire approval by a demand sacrifice one of their own Celestial progeny. which has generally been beyond our producing power. The recent efforts in the

The belief of the Directors in the pro-

The Honourable P. Ryric has retired a man with practical knowledge of affairs might be reduced to a state of per-

PATRICK MANSON. in the parts assigned to them.

Chairman. Hongkong, 24th December, 1887.

THE DAIRY PARK COMPAST, LIMITED.

Statement of Accounts to 30th November, 1887. roperty, Farm Lot 38. load-making to senside; Water supply on the Farm, &c. &c. Stables, &c.
Building Cow Houses, Stables, &c.
Butter making Machinery, and other Dairy

Accounts receivable at date. 13,180.91 Loons by the Directors, ... Accounts payable at date,

Written of Cattle, Stock, Buildings and Expenses for improvements on 'Farm,' 11,629.67

Balance to Profit and Loss Account. E. W. MAITLAND.

same in accordance therewith.

Hoogkong, 23nd Desember, 1887

HONGKONG AND MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING CO.

WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY. Shewan (Secretary).

statement of accounts having been in your possession for some days, I have only

Mr D. Gillies-I have pleasure in second, ing the proposal that the report and statement of accounts be passed.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman-I shall be glad to a swir

any questions from any of the gentlemen present that may be put, ... I'may mention that the reason for not electing a committee or auditors at this meeting is on account of an extraordinary meeting will be held when this meeting is finished. This concluded the business of the ordi-

meeting was held. Company, Limited, has been reduced to gentlemen, this is all I have got to say un-

then thanked the shareholders present for | question, and partly unfolded a hierarchy their attendance, and the meeting termi-

any questions to ask.

CORRESPONDENCE

HINTS TO THE FIRE SUPERIN-TENDENT. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." 3 th December, 1887.

Sin. — Ithoroughly endorse your remarks with regard to the best way of dealing with those officials whose qualifications for a drawing their salaries monthly; and long-suffering public, to opendour purses There's the rub. ment, people would come to the conclusion had gone mad. When a Government, how-Our staff has suffered severely from sick- considered diplomatic and smart.

wait long before a radical change in is there to recommend the scheme to the management of the fire-brigade, although demonstrations are made every other day of the permisions results for the system. The Fire Superintendent is und peal to certain namelogs strangers, and own a Fire Superintendent may not be amiss. if they lead the responsible parties to think for one moment whether these requirements are adequately fulfilled.

lanes, streets, hydrants and elevations of provail? These are merely some of the the city, so as to decide at once upon more palpable obstacles in the way of workthe positions of engines at a fire;

principles of hydrostatics ; subordinates and will take an interest 4. Who will maintain authority and strict

5. The Brigade should be organized upon is to be hoped it will not be again retarded In accordance with clause 8 of regulation | the principle that the men selected as officers possess hanns; and discretionary respondent of the Dublin Express says :- first name mentioned in the public press holders to appoint an auditor for the engu- power should be left with them as to the number of engines and the amount of water required for checking the advance of fire

> 6. The Superintendent should not undertake fireman's duties, such as holding a branch pipe, nor usurp the position of foreman by ordering coolies and laying hose. His duties consist in directing operations and making a quick and practical survey of the premises in danger, so as to direct the Brigade in confining the fire to the smallest possible limits.

fresh outbreak.

FIRE-PLUG.

AN'IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the 'Paris Figaro,' of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion. and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico : it of, say, a qua ter of an inch, and this desaved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Roy. Thave compared the above Statement with the Books Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury, Mansions, and Youchers of the Communy, and have found the Bloomabury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self addressed stamped enve-

Among the innumerable 'wants' of China none is more obvious than that of a pro- pressed into the clay. When the forme was The second ordinary general meeting of perly regulated financial agency. Foreigner. the shareholders of this Company was held and Natives are alike convinced of the need and the characters pressed perfectly even. at the Office of the Communy, this after, of a bank organized on the system of the level with the surface of the wooden block. ncon, for the purpose of receiving a report West; and; for a number of years it has the edge of which was out to form the of the general managers, tegether with a been a favourite subject for Memoran border, which is generally found round statement of accounts. There were present dum' by foreign residents and casual every Chinese page. This edge was of Mr W. H. Forbes (Chairman), Mr J. H. visitors, in which they have demonstrated course immovable and would be the Cox, Mr. T. J. Rose, Mr W. R. Loxley, Mr the utility of a National Bank to such of same on every sheet printed from that D. Gillies, Mr J. S. Legge, and Mr R, the Chine's statesmen as could be got to forme. All was now ready for the printer. take an interest in the subject. Each new He having received the forme carefully The Secretary read the notice calling the aspirant no doubt flattered himself that brushed his ink over the type. He then he was breaking virgin soil as he handed | took a sheet of paper, placed it on the forme, The Chairman said :- Gentlemen, the re- in, with the usual show of secrecy, his and pressed it down all over so that it port of the general managers and the plans for reforming the finances. Such might be brought in contact: with every plans were not very costly There were character. He then removed the sheet and no scientific surveys, nor expensive journeys, examined each character; some were not to propose that they be passed. Will any nor were any very careful statistical es quite straight, these were carefully adjustimates to be made. The principal requisite | ted with the pincers. As far as I could was a couple of afreets of foolscap and a see the type was never touched with the moderately active imagination. The re- fingers. After sufficient copies had been serictions on the dimensions of the various struck of, the type was distributed, each schemes were due solely to the modesty of char cter being returned to its particular their propounders. Some fixed the capital box. The type in the forme I saw, was of at one or two millions, others at five or three sizes. Each character was kent in ten; and the latest projector blow up his position entirely by the clay upon which it balloon to the extent of hundreds of stood. The characters were made of some millions, with more to follow. It would hard wood, I did not enquire what it was : have been as easy to write billions. The they were all of course square. The men main features of all these financial schemes told me that the art of printing in this are' necessarily identical. There is not particular way had been handed down in room for any great variation. The only their family from the Sung Dynasty, more portion of the whole Mitkiewicz proposals | than 600 years ago; no stranger was allowed that had even a show of soundness was to take part in it, apprentices being always taken bodily from some of the memo- chosen from their own clan. They said Immediately thereafter an extraordinary randoms which were already in the hands they were open to any orders for printing. of the Chinese. The collapse of Mitkiewicz | their terms being three hundred cash a The Chairman said-This extraordinary is followed by a stream of fragments which day, this to include use of type and ink ; meeting has been called (in order that I run in the same groove, as the asteroids they would charge extra for paper; they may make the following declaration :- 'It follow the orbit of the parent planet whose would be quite willing to take an order appearing that the paid-up capital-of the disruption, gave them birth. Already from me. It seems to be the ous on at Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing there are a number of National Bank Chu-ki, if printing is required in any schemes in the air, all on one-half thereof, I, as Chairman of the said of Mitkiewicz. Chinese and Foreign stance the printing of family registers, Company, do hereby declare the Company capital, joint management, official control, to hire the printers who bring their dissolved, in accordance with the provisions special privileges to the Bank, and special type and set up their printing catablishin that behalf by the Articles of Associa- favour to the government. All this is easy. ment on the spot. Having been fretion.' It may not be out of place (the Chair. It is not the first but the last step that costs | quently told that there was no. such thing man went on to say) to mention here that in this matter. The principles of a bank as printing from movable type in China. the property will not be sold without being are so simple and so well established by the I was very much interested in coming, at first well advertised. There have already experience of commercial nations that there this out of the way place, upon a printing been some inquiries by Japanese gentlemen is little room for diversity. It is in the ap- company which conducted its business in from one of the glass factories in Japan. plication, and not in the exposition that the no other way, and whose existence could They have been looking at the plant, but difficulties are met with. It may be be reckoned by hundreds of years. The of course we cannot tell whether they are doubted whether any of the numerous nature of my subject must be my excuse likely to buy the plant or not. I think, cindidates for the honour of establish- for the length of my letter. ing a National Bank in China have, less any of the shareholders presen have even in theory, solved the problem of the practical operation of their system. There being no questions, the Chairman Mitkiewicz let a little daylight into the of Presidents here and Patrons there, with a beautiful contrivance of dual management, which was to secure the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of friction: the energy of the West linked with the probity of the East. But the scheme also disclosed the kind of men who would have been appointed to these resp naible posts. Supposing the bank to have become a fact, consider who would have been the Chinese manager most likely to be selected for Shanghai, for example, and who the most post consist simply in the capability of likely foreign colleague under the American I scheme, and then let the imagination run wonder how such an admirable plan was riot over the position which affairs would Mr Coughtrie-I beg to propose a very not adopted long before this. We will not probably have reached after, say, twelve He begrudge 'rising' officials their pay, or months works The feasibility of any such complain much of their getting the addi. scheme as that of a national Chinese Bank tion by means of an honorary appointment, is very much a personal question, and that but for Heaven's sake don't call on these is about the most unpromising thing that Mr Gower seconded and the motion was honorary functionaries to get. It is surely can be said of it. If the rulers are good the enough that the Government asks us, the State is prosperous. True, but if otherwise?

A NATIONAL BANK FOR CHINA.

for the encouragement of their promising. Nor is that the only difficulty. Foreiyoung men, without bleeding us ten times guers have for the most part a noble more by means of the losses sustained err gance about them which prompts them through the incapacity of mun put at the | to lay down the law to the Chinese. The Directors regret the unfavourable head of important departments solely for Here, they say, is a failroad, a telegraph, the purpose of their drawing the salary, or a bank, which is good for you, and on New York-In this as in all other matters straightfor. You ought to adopt it right way and ward action will always prove best in the manage it as we tell you, and that is long run. How much would the Govern- all about it. Is it? Foreigners are ment have saved the Colony had they given | finding out that there is a atrange tonseity the advances sought for and deemed advi. about the Chinese, which withholds them If any firm or public company were to appoint vereignty except upon compulsion. Not a carpenter manager of a baking establish- only their self-love but their personal interest prompts them to hold on to their that the directors of such establishments possessions, and not allow foreigners to develop them even for the national baneever, adopts such a policy, their action is fit. The schemes for a National Bank are likely therefore to split on this rock as soon It will be a long time before we change as any of them progress as far. If it is all these things. We may even have to to be controlled by Chinese officials, what one of the most glaring abuses-the favour of either native or foreign investors? And if to be controlled by foreigners, whence would they derive their authority? Are the Chinese Government to apfortunately too anxious to work, and I fear | that they are incapable o taking care of it will be hard to induce the Government | themselves, and beg that these strangers even to adopt your plan-to give him the will take th ir financial affairs in hand? salary and request him to lie back and let a Possibly, but not yet. There are such practical man take charge. Meantime, the things as abdication, but they are not comfollowing hints as to the requirements of mon, and an abdication of this kind would be unheard of. No doubt there are middle courses, such as the dual management, but before they could be judged of they need definition. Would the Ohinese and the I. The Fire Superintendent should be | foreigners have equal authority? If so the ing a national bank. There are many 2. One who theroughly understands the others, which will readily occur to readers who have observed Chinese modes of pro-3. Who will have the confidence of his | codure which would be encountered by the prometers as soon as they were fairly embarked in the enterprise. The adoption of any scheme of hational finance by the Chinese may yet be some distance off. It by any such bogus business as that of Mitkiewicz, but, at any rate, those who have the desire o aid China in the way of financial reform have time for reflection on the conditions of the problem which they would solve .- Chinese Times.

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man began his work, character after character was transferred from the core and firmly. complete a flat board was placed on the top particular place, as in the present in-

ARTHUR ELWIN. C. M. S., Hangchow. Hangchow, 15th December.

Yours faith allv.

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Audacilous*	twin-icrew battle-ship	6010	10	4330	Capt. Robert Hastings Harris	Hongkong
Cockehafer	gunboas 2nd class	465	. 4	170	Lieut, Com. H. H. Boteler	Hongkong
Constance	cruiser 3rd class	2380	14	2590	Capt. L. C. Keppel	Hongkong
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Sak	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	360	3	340		In reserve
Espoir	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut. Com. H. R. Adams	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	4	460	LieutCom, Denison	Hongkong
Heroine	orniser 3rd class	1420	8	1470	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Leander	cruiser 2nd class	3750	10	5000	Captain M. J. Dunlop	Nagasaki
Linnet	gun-vesso 2nd class	756	- 5	1050	Commander W. Marrack	Nagasaki
Marlio	gunboat 2nd class	430	.4	430	LieutCom. W. M. Maturin	Tientsin
Mutine	gloop	1200	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Singapore
Orion	batiloship 3 class armoured	4870	4	4040	Captain T. H. Royso	Singapore
Orontes	troopship	5920	2	2570	Chas. B. Theobald	Hongkong
Rambler	surreying vessel	830	3	690	Commander W. U. Moore	On a cruise
Ratiler	gunboat 1st class	670.	6	1200	LieutCom. W. Maitl. Dougall	Hongkong
Sapphire	cruiser 3rd class	1970	12	2360	Captain W. C. Karslake	Shanghai
Satollite	cruiser 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Captain Arthur L. Alington	Nagasaki
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Wift	gun-vessel 2 d class	750	ő	1010	Commander A. C. B. Bromley	Hongkong
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Wanderer	sloop	925	4	750	Commander Geo. G.ffard	Hongkong
Vivera	coast defenceship, armoured	2750	4	1450		Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir R. Vesey Hamilton, K.C.B. Commander-in-Chief.

For H. B. M. Ships' tonunge, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	П.Р.	Captain.	Where at.
Aleout	Russian gunboat	800			Captain Parenego	Nagasaki
Aragon	Spanish cruiser	1908			Captain D. E. Zulnaga	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	470	- 4	450	Commander Rupe	Haiphong
Aurora	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1430			Captain Franz Muller	Whamp a
B'tholomen Dias	Portuguese corvette		-	400	Capt. da Costa Cabrel	Macao
Bobre	Russian cruiser	1100		3.3	Captain Menschrooff	Nagasaki
Brooklyn	U. S frigate	3900	14	1200	Flagship of Admiral Chandler	Kobe
Comete	French gunboat	475	4	450	LieutCommander Martel	Haiphong
Dmitry Donskoy	Russian frigate	6000	25.0		Captain N. Scrydloff	Yokohama
Essex	U. S. corvette	1375	6	900	Commander Jewell	Yokohama
Iltis	German gunboat	489			Captain Eickstedt	Hongkong
Jaguar	French gunboat	445	2	270	LieutCommander Fouet	Haiphong
Lucip	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Neny	Haiphong
Marion	U. S. corvette	1900	7.0	1170	Commander Merrill Miller	Chelmulpo
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	1470	Commander H. Glass	Yokohama
Mordi	Russian gunboat	455	7	60	Commander Moltsoff	Corea
Nautilus	German gun-vessel	755	4	600	Captain von Hoven	Zanzibar
Nayezdink	Russian cruiser	1330	9	250	Captain Zarine	Nagasaki
Omaha	U. S. corvette	2400	12	1150	Capt. Courtis	Corea
Palos	U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	LioutCom. Thomas Nelson	Yokohama
Parsoval	French gunboat	198			Captain M. Foret	On a cruise
Pluvier	French gunboat	540	200	420	Lieut Commander Poidlous	Haiphong
Primauguet	French cruiser	2200	15	2270	Captain Buge	Wuhu
Rapido	Italian cruiser	1458	5		Captain F. Cravosia	On a cruiso
Rio Lims	Portuguese gunboat	540	****** \$		Captain Raphael d'Andrade	Меско
Rynda	Russian cruiser	3000			Captain Th. Ayellan	Manila
Sivoteh	Russian cruisor	900	1	1000	Commander Sucurieff	Corea
Sobol	Russian gunbost	455	7	60	Commander Boyle	Japan
Tamera	Portuguese guuboai	610	6	5C0	Commander P. I. Gouveia	Macao
Tejo	Portuguese gunboat		3	100	Lieut, Com. C. R. Caminha	Hongkong
Turenne	French frigate	5830	12	4250	Captain Juge	Nagasaki
Vestnik	Russian corvette	1830	(FAS)	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	Coptain Lang	Nagasaki
Vipere	French gunboat	480	4	425	Capt. de Maroller	Yokobama
Vitiaz	Russian corvetta	2950	12		Captain Makaroff	Kobe
Vostock	Russian gunbosi			*	Commander Molohonsky	Vladirostock
Wolf	German gunboat	384	6	340	Captain Joeselike	Yokohama
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat		4	100	Lient, Com. C. M. P. Viknua	Масао
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